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Title:

CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH THE INPUT AND OUTPUT VOLTAGE OF A DC TO DC CONVERTER ARE ADDED TOGETHER TO OPERATE A

DISCHARGE LAMP

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 200 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 4, in the paragraph beginning on line 1, change as follows:

In the embodiment shown in Fig. 1, the means I, or first circuit, is formed by input terminals K1 and K2 for connection to a supply voltage source which delivers a first DC voltage, capacitor C1, switching element T1, control circuit SC1, transformer Tr, capacitor C2, and diode D. Means II, or second circuit, is formed by switching elements T2-T5, and control circuit SC2. A lamp La is connected to the means II (second circuit).